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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79; Streamlining Deployment of Small
Cell Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Siting Policies, WT Docket No. 16-421*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 23, 2018 representatives from American Agri-Women, National Black Growers' Council, Carbon County, MT, South Ark Equipment, Gunnison County, CO, Intertribal Agriculture Council, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Ouray County, CO, Bunton Grains Farms & Trucking, U.S. Cattlemen's Association, Utah Farmers Union, Women Involved in Farm Economics, Wallowa County, OR, Young County, TX, Western Skies Strategies, and the Rural & Agriculture Council of America participated in separate meetings with Commissioners Brendan Carr and Michael O'Rielly, additional representatives from those offices, and representatives from the Offices of Chairman Pai and Commissioner Rosenworcel. A full list of meeting attendees is attached.

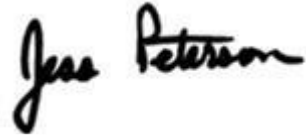
During the meeting, the participants highlighted that broadband in rural America promotes sustainability, lowers production costs, enhances product quality, creates jobs, and benefits rural area economies. Specifically, broadband is strengthening the nation's farming, ranching, fishing, and forestry industries.

The participants urged the Commission to continue to act to lower regulatory costs and burdens that slow and deter construction of the network infrastructure needed to support broadband. Regulatory red tape at the local, state, and federal government levels directly increases deployment costs in rural areas. And, high fees in urban areas consume limited capital, leaving less for deployment in rural areas. The participants urged the Commission to take action to reduce regulatory barriers by prohibiting high siting fees, lengthy permitting processes, and unnecessary restrictions on networks.

By taking additional steps to speed new infrastructure deployment, the FCC will help transform broadband's promise into real benefits for rural America and enhance U.S. competitiveness in international markets.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being electronically submitted into the record of this proceeding and provided to the Commission participants. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jess Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Office of Commissioner O’Rielly

Commissioner Michael O’Rielly
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Office of Chairman Pai

Michael Carowitz
Kevin Costello
Justin McCuen

Office of Commissioner Rosenworcel

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Sue McCrum	American Agri-Women, ME
Doris, Mold	American Agri-Women, WI
Karolyn Zurn	American Agri-Women (First Vice President), ND
Ronald Bunton	National Black Growers Council (Board Member), KY
Lonnie Gilbert	National Black Growers Council, FL
Carlton Bridgeforth	National Black Growers Council, AL/DC
John Prinkki	Rural & Agriculture Council of America, MT
Jeffrey Smith	Rural & Agriculture Council of America, LA
Philip Chamberland	Rural & Agriculture Council of America, CO
Zachary Ducheneaux	Intertribal Agriculture Council, SD
Mary Jo Foley-Birrenkott	Rural & Agriculture Council of America, OR
Keith Nantz	Rural & Agriculture Council of America, OR
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Myra Sublett-Bunton	Rural & Agriculture Council of America, KY
Chad Heaton	U.S. Cattlemen’s Association, UT
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Justin Tupper	U.S. Cattlemen's Association, SD
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Todd Nash	Rural & Agriculture Council of America, OR

Jess Peterson	Western Skies Strategies and Rural & Agriculture Council of America, MT
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